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Islam Writing Assignment

In Islam, there are five major principles known as the Five Pillars of Islam. The pillars form a set of principles in which all Muslims must. One pillar is called *Sahadah*, which means “declaring one’s faith in Allah.” Another pillar’s called *salat*, daily prayer. Another pillar is *zakat*, giving to charity. *Saum* is another pillar meaning to fast during Ramadan, the holy month of Islam. The final pillar is called *hajj*. *Hajj* means that, if a Muslim is financially able to, he or she must take a pilgrimage to Mecca, the holy city of Islam.

*Eid ul Adha* is a four-day public holiday celebrated in Muslim countries. The holiday is to remember the prophet Ibrahim (Abraham) and his willingness to follow God’s order’s to sacrifice his son. As Ibrahim was just about to sacrifice his son, God stopped him and gave Ibrahim a sheep to sacrifice instead. This act by Ibrahim is celebrated by many Muslims. During the festival, if a Muslim is able to afford it, can sacrifice domestic animals, usually sheep, to represent as a symbol Ibrahim’s sacrifice. As with all Muslim festivals, there are prayers and presents.

Many Muslims worship in a Mosque. Another for it is *Masjid*, meaning “place of prostration.” In many Mosques, there’s a place outside where worshippers can leave their shoes. The Mosque’s main hall is devoid of much furniture, and everyone sits on the floor. Women sit separately from men. While women can go to Mosques, it’s more useful for them to pray at home.